





## AMERICORPS NEW JERSEY WATERSHED AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program addresses diverse environmental needs of the state by raising awareness about New Jersey's watersheds. The purpose of the program is to improve water quality by exploring the relationships between people and the environment, nurturing community-based environmental activities and empowering residents to make responsible and informed decisions regarding their watershed.

Through this program, twenty AmeriCorps members are placed in watershed management areas across the state at host agency sites. Over the course of 1700 hours, members assist the NJDEP in monitoring the rivers of New Jersey through visual and biological assessment volunteer monitoring programs. Members train community volunteers to participate in these monitoring programs. Through audio visual presentations, members provide information to community organizations and schools, in order to have an informed citizenry about water and watershed issues in New Jersey.

If you are interested in **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**, please send resumes and cover letters to Michelle Ruggiero, Program Manager
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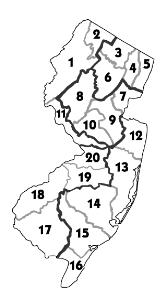
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www.nj.gov/dep/watershedmgt/ambassadors\_index.htm





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## NJ's Watershed Management Areas

WMA 1 - Upper Delaware	WMA 11 - Central Delaware Tributaries
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WMA 2 - Walkill	WMA 12 – Monmouth
WMA 3 - Pompton, Pequannock, Wanaque	WMA 13 - Barnegat Bay
WMA 4 - Lower Passaic & Saddle River	$MM\Delta 14 - Mullica$

WMA 5 - Hackensack, Hudson & Pascack WMA 15 - Great Egg Harbor

WMA 6 - Upper & Mid Passaic, Whippany & Rockaway WMA 16 - Cape May

WMA 7 - Arthur Kill WMA 17 - Maurice, Salem, Cohansey

WMA 8 - North & South Branch Raritan WMA 18 - Lower Delaware WMA 9 - Lower Raritan, South River & Lawrence WMA 19 - Rancocas Creek

WMA 10 - Millstone WMA 20 - Assiscunk & Crosswicks

## **Program Logistics**

- ❖ The program will commence mid September 2006
- ❖ Members will complete 1700 hours of service in a one year period and receive a living stipend of \$10,900 over the course of their term of service
- ❖ Upon completion of the program, members will receive a \$4,725 educational award, which can be used to pay off student loans or for further education
- ❖ Members are eligible for health benefits during their term of service
- ❖ Members will receive training prior to and throughout their term of service
- ❖ The job duties include both field work and environmental education components
- Great first job in the environmental field!

YOUR WORLD, YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE IT BETTER!